

LOCAL NEWS.

THE LATE T. W. DOBIE.—The Heart and Hand combined the following notice of the late T. W. Dobie, P. G., and P. C. P., a member of Potomac Lodge, No. 38, and Marley Encampment, No. 6, of this city:

"A member of the Order enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his brethren in a greater degree than Brother Dobie. He was an earnest, zealous, and efficient Old Fellow, and never permitted the baser part of frail humanity to usurp the kinder sensibilities of his charitable and fraternal heart. Honest and earnest in the enjoyment and expression of his sentiments on the laws and principles of the Order, he never refused to accord the same privilege to those who differed with him. No malice or hatred, no ostracism or persecution, nor the slightest estrangement was ever indulged in or exhibited by him toward his brothers. If more of the members of the Order would practice such a fraternal and tolerant spirit there would be more harmony in our Lodges and sympathy with each other in our daily associations."

"Brother Dobie possessed in an eminent degree the loftier attributes of a good citizen. He was an obedient and devoted son, a kind and indulgent husband, and father, a firm and consistent friend. This is his personal eulogy, but the plain unvarnished truth. He leaves a pious and devoted mother, aged 75 years, a fond and devoted widow, and two young children, and a host of sorrowing friends to mourn his death. He had an abiding faith in the Order, and knew that his widow and orphans will find protection in Potomac Lodge. His great faith was centered in the love and mercy of God; a few moments before he breathed his last he was asked how he felt, his reply was 'All is well,' and with the index finger of his right hand, which had often instructed him in the watchfulness of his Creator, he pointed upward and murmured, 'I have seen! Heaven!' Those were his last articulate words. His remains were escorted to the grave on Tuesday afternoon by the Star Fire Company, the Potomac Association, Mechanics Lodge, K. P., Marley Encampment, and Potomac Lodge, in all of which he had been an active and useful member. At the grave the services of the Church were followed by the beautiful and impressive ceremonies of the Knights of Pythias and Odd Fellows. The grave was filled, the last rest in the solemn ceremony, and relatives, brothers and friends returned to their respective homes with sorrowing hearts."

ALEXANDRIA, VA., Dec. 18, 1873.

DEPREDACTIONS UPON THE GRAVE YARDS.—The numerous depredations boldly committed of late upon the city grave yards, induces the belief that there must be a general ignorance concerning the law to prevent such offenses, and for the sake of those who have committed them, as well as for those who may be informers, the following section from the Code of 1873 is published. It may be well to state, too, that a Justice who resides in Fairfax county, near the site of the grave yards, says he will rigidly enforce the law should complaint be made to him:

"Every person, who shall willfully and maliciously destroy, mutilate, deface, injure, or remove any tomb, monument, gravestone, or other structure, placed within any cemetery, grave yard or place of burial, or any fences, railing, or other work for the protection or ornament of any tomb, monument, or gravestone, or other structure aforesaid, or of any cemetery lot within any cemetery, or shall willfully and maliciously remove, cut, break or injure any tree, shrub or plant, within any cemetery, or who shall willfully and maliciously destroy, mutilate, injure, or remove any grave, tomb, monument, or other structure placed upon or around any grave, tomb, monument or lot in any cemetery, grave yard or other place of burial, or who shall willfully obstruct proper ingress and egress to and from any cemetery, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not exceeding six months."

CONCERT AT SAREPTA HALL.—A small, though appreciative audience, was present at the performance of the Alexandria Glee Club, last night. This club, composed certainly of the best amateur material in the city, was most excellently assisted by some Washington talent, and there is cause for regret that an overruling house failed to attend the treat prepared. It is hardly consistent with professional impartiality to make an individual allusion, or pay a personal compliment to one when all merit distinction, but it is hard to refrain from mentioning the name of Mr. F. W. Simpson, whose excellent accompaniment, side-splitting amusing comments, and grotesquely comical contortions, merited and received the hearty congratulations of his enthusiastic admirers. Nor can one slightly pass over the Harmonic and Ring duet by the Kline Brothers, of Washington. These gentlemen received a magnificent encore. Mr. H. C. Simpson, by his elegant rendition of some choice ballads, entangled himself in the memory of every true lover of music. And by his amusing delineations of Miss Kellogg's vocal excellencies, the inimitable drollery of which excited the risibilities of the audience to a most exuberant agonizing pitch, he placed himself in the front rank of amateur burnt cork graphologists. The orchestra, and, indeed, all the music, both instrumental and vocal, was truly enjoyable.

RELIEF FOR LOYAL CITIZENS OF LOUDOUN COUNTY, VA.—In the U. S. Senate yesterday Mr. Burman, on the Committee on Claims reported without amendment, the bill introduced December 4, 1873, by Mr. L. W. for the relief of the loyal citizens of Loudoun county, Virginia. The bill provides for specified compensation to a large number of citizens of Loudoun county whose property was destroyed by the military authorities of the United States, in conformity with an order of Major General Sheridan, dated Nov. 27, 1864. There are 208 claimants, and the amount necessary to pay them is \$199,228.24.

FAIRFAX COUNTY COURT.—The County Court of Fairfax county, Judge James Sanger presiding, met yesterday and adjourned until the court adjourns. There was but little business of a public nature before the court.

The will of the late Dr. Wm. Sparrow was proved and admitted to record. His two sons, Wm. E. and Leonard Sparrow, the executors named in the will, qualified and gave bond in the sum of \$20,000. No security required by the testator.

On the petition of sundry tax payers of Mr. Vernon Township, R. R. Farr, late treasurer, was ordered to settle his accounts for 1871-'72, before a special commissioner.

THE FISHERY.—The city market is now kept pretty well supplied with fresh fish from the shores, at which what is called winter fishing is carried on. Capt. Horseman is fishing at Arkendale, Capt. Robb at The Gums, McEwen and Tier at Deep Hole, Mr. Cawood at Foxleys, Horner and Hultz at Nagles, Capt. Guy at Waller's, and Mr. Gibbon at Mattox. In addition to these, all of whom may be considered Alexandria fishermen, there are some Washington and riparian land owners who are engaged in the business.

ASH WEDNESDAY.—To-morrow will be Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. It is so called because of the custom in the Catholic Church of sprinkling consecrated ashes over the heads of the priests and assembled people. The Church of England observes the day by a communion service. Lent extends through forty days from Ash Wednesday.

POLICE REPORT.—Henry Fountain, colored, who, when assaulted by a man to whom he owed money, ran to the Mayor's office and lodged a complaint against the latter, was discharged upon paying his debt.

Wm. Fountain, son of the above, who had started to assault the assaulter of his father, for disorderly conduct and resisting an officer, was enrolled as a member of the chain gang for 30 days, with quarters at the jail.

Wm. Robertson, a colored boy, for vagrancy, was discharged upon a promise to quit the city. Georgeanna D. Y., for disorderly conduct and for breaking a window pane in the house of Kate Davis, both colored, was discharged upon the payment of damages.

Little Annie, colored, for disorderly conduct, was dismissed as the charge was not sustained. Morton Williams, for stealing \$1.95 from Ann Eliza Short, both colored, was put on the chain gang for 30 days.

Martha Scauder, for threatening Martha Donnell, both colored, was made to pay the costs, and she and complainant bound over in the sum of \$50 each to keep the peace for six months.

James Dudley, colored, for stealing a pistol from M. J. Rafferty in 1871, was sentenced to the chain gang for 30 days, but appealed from the decision and gave security in the sum of \$200 for his appearance at the April term of the court.

Four lodgers were accommodated at the station house last night.

FIREMEN'S CONVENTION.—The Firemen's Convention met at the Hydraulics Hall last night, but beyond the reception of several applications for places in the line of procession, and an assessment on each fire company to pay general expenses, did nothing of interest. Among the applications received was one from the Mt. Vernon Cotton Factory, which mill, it is understood, will be the principal representative of the corporation, after some conversation among the members in regard to matters of arrangement, adjourned until Friday night.

We are requested to urge upon all who wish to join in the procession the necessity of handing in their names at once either to G. E. Edwards, President, or A. C. Kell, Chief Marshal, in order that they may be assigned places in the line.

HARMONIE HALL.—A surprise party was given at Harmonie Hall last evening by the ladies of the Harmonie Association to Mr. and Mrs. P. Weinberg who are about to leave Alexandria for their future home in Baltimore. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock sharp and continued until 12 o'clock when all marched to the dining hall where was spread a plentiful repast—the tables fairly groaning under the delicacies of the season. The supper was interspersed with toasts and good cheer. Among those who gave toasts were Mrs. S. L. L. Mrs. P. W. Miss F. W. Mr. P. W. Mr. B. L. Mr. L. and Mr. G. W. after which the company returned to the ball room, and danced until 3 o'clock a. m. Altogether this was a most enjoyable affair. The music was excellent.

NEW BANKING ASSOCIATION.—The Directors of the two German Co-operative Building Associations, held a meeting last night in the office of their Attorney, Albert Stuart, Robert Porter in the chair, and Justus Schneider, Secretary. After a mutual interchange of views it was determined to organize a banking company with a capital of \$100,000, to raise which 4,000 shares of stock will be sold, payable in monthly installments of either fifty cents or one dollar. The meeting then resolved itself into a committee of the whole with the intention of preparing a charter to be reported at a meeting to be held at Harmonie Hall next Friday night.

SIDE WALKS TO BE PAVED.—The Committee on Streets of the City Council met this morning in the office of the Corporation Attorney and instructed the Superintendent of Police to notify the owners of all real estate within the limits of the Corporation to have the sidewalks in front of their premises paved within a designated time, and that if such paving was not done by the property owners, he should proceed forthwith to have the work performed at their expense. Mr. Clifford will deliver his instructions at once and better foot-ways may soon be expected.

C. O. CANAL.—The Washington Star says: "The repairs to the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal are nearly completed from Cumberland to the head of the Georgetown level, five miles above the city, and the water will be drawn from this level on Thursday next and remain out for four days only, by which time it is expected the entire line will be ready for navigation, certainly by the 1st of March."

The Williamsport Pilot says the work of enlarging the canal, carrying down the banks of the canal at that place to accommodate the increasing coal trade has been commenced.

LECTURE THIS EVENING.—Prof. Tripp opens this evening, at the Methodist Protestant Church, his fine descriptive series on France and Europe since 1848. The lecture this evening will be on the subject of Louis Napoleon from his birth to the Imperial Throne, by common consent, one of the most remarkable men of all time, preceded by a brief account of the thrilling Paris Revolution of February and June, as witnessed by the lecturer. The lecture to-morrow evening, on the Second Empire, will embrace a sketch of the life and career of Maximilian and Carlota, with personal reminiscences. The Baltimore Herald says: "The lecturer paid a glowing tribute to the beauty and mental endowments of Carlota, and to a highly romantic vein the story of her love, marriage, and madness. He closed with an impressive and touching narrative of the betrayal of Maximilian, his last night on earth, and his majestic and dignified bearing at the place of execution."

GRAND OPERETTA.—The arrangements for the production of this novel and beautiful fairy spectacle are nearly complete, and the management are confident that its production on Thursday night will be an entire success. A gentlemanly corps of ushers will be in attendance to see that the holders of reserved seats are comfortably provided for, as well as to attend to the general convenience of the audience. Good order will be positively enforced, and in view of the probability of the hall being crowded, it is thought that the doors will be closed after the hall is well and comfortably filled. In view of this fact, it is desirable that all purchasers of tickets should reserve seats, which may be done at the book store of Mr. Geo. E. French. If desirable, the performance will be repeated on Monday, February 23d, in order that all who desire it may witness this grand fairy spectacle. The costumes of the performers will be exceedingly beautiful, and no pains or expense will be spared to make the performance such a one as is seldom seen in this city. The orchestral music, under Professors Heyman and Doueh, will be of the best class. Be certain to secure reserved seats. The programme will appear in to-morrow's paper.

NOTICE.—A called meeting of the Relief Book and Stationery Company will be held at their store at eight o'clock this evening, for the transaction of important business. By order of Feb 17-18 JAS. M. STEUART, President.

A called meeting of the Hydraulics Steam Fire Engine Co. will be held to-morrow (Tuesday) evening, at 7 o'clock. Punctual attendance is requested. By order of the President: Feb 16-21 H. C. CLARK, Secretary.

PALMER'S JACQUELINE CORSETS.—Just opened another assortment of numbers of the above Corsets. These goods are new to this market, but all who have tried them have been pleased. D. F. WITMER CO., Agents for Alexandria. Feb 17

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.]

FROM WASHINGTON.

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, February 16, 1874. In the Senate Mr. Johnson, of Virginia, presented the memorial of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal Company asking compensation for the use of the canal by the United States during the war.

In the House of Representatives the early hours of the session were occupied by the call on States for bills and joint resolutions, and among those presented was one for the relief of Chas. H. Southern, S. D. Hicks and others for property taken during the war.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. The Senate, to-day, after receiving a large number of memorials, took up the bill equalizing the National bank circulation among the States.

The House of Representatives was occupied with receiving reports of standing committees. THE ALEXANDRIA POSTMASTER. The nomination of Robert B. Hill, Jr., as postmaster at Alexandria, vice N. P. Trist, deceased, was today before the Cabinet, but no appointment has yet been made.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The memorial of T. J. Eichen and others for the retrocession of Alexandria to the District of Columbia has been, by the Committee on the District, referred to a sub-committee, which is charged to consider the subject.

A striking portrait of Senator Johnson, of Virginia, painted by Mr. Weser, of this city is on exhibition at Shillington's.

Fire.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Feb. 17.—A large fire is raging at Sing Sing. Two blocks, including Olive Hall, are burned and another block is now burning. Engines have been sent for from Peekskill and Yonkers.

NEW YORK, February 17.—A dispatch from Yonkers this morning says—Fishkill, Tarrytown and Yonkers have sent engines to Sing Sing. Gravel trains are being run to the towns and villages around to transport fire engines. The fire is making a very rapid headway, the small force on hand being unable to cope with it. The fire, it is said, was first discovered in a ball-room and communicated with frame buildings all around.

Election in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—The election is progressing very quietly. Not a single disturbance has been reported. Under the new election law hourly returns are not made and nothing can be known as to the probable result until the closing of the polls. The collection of returns will be tedious, as there are 525 polling places, so that the vote at each will not exceed 200. The vote will be heavier than usual, according to the indications up to noon, the contest will be close.

Foreign News.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—Lodru Rolin is a candidate for the vacant seat in the National Assembly from Valenciennes.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—A dispatch from Hong Kong says the Governor has prohibited the publication of the Progress newspaper.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—2.30 p. m.—The rate of discount in open market for three month's bills is 3 1/2 per cent, which is 3/16 below the Bank of England rate.

New Jersey Legislature.

TRENTON, Feb. 17.—The Senate passed a resolution for adjournment on the 17th of March. The House passed resolutions for inquiry into the manner in which New Jersey vessels are treated in quarantine in the Baltimore harbor and Chesapeake Bay. A bill was introduced in the House for closing the taverns from 6 o'clock Saturday evening to 6 o'clock on Monday morning.

The Lehigh and Susquehanna Railroad Accident.

ALLENTOWN, Feb. 17.—The correspondent reiterates his statement of yesterday relative to the Lehigh and Susquehanna railroad accident at State Dam that the engineer was killed, his body being burned to a crisp, the fireman and first brakeman were badly scalded and otherwise injured and that nine cars were burned.

Objectionable.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—The Advertiser this morning says the nomination of Wm. A. Simmons to the Boston Collectorship, is objectionable from every point of view and ought not to be confirmed.

Died of his Injuries.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—John C. Johnston, a night watchman in Hoboken, who was assaulted by a mob Sunday night for shooting David Bowie, died of his injuries last night.

Weather Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17, 11 a. m. For the Middle Atlantic States, rising barometer, northwest winds veering to northeast by Wednesday morning and generally clear weather, followed by cloudy weather Tuesday night. For the South Atlantic States, a heavy or falling barometer, north and east winds and increasing cloudiness, possibly followed by rain.

The Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Stocks dull. Gold 122 Money 4. Four dull and declining. Wheat dull and in buyers' favor. Corn quiet and unchanged.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 17.—Virginia wheat, consolidated 91; West Virginia 11 bid to-day; Cotton quiet at 15. Flour very dull. Wheat dull; white choice 136; fair to prime 120 1/2; common amber 100; good to prime red 175 1/2; common fair 160; fair to prime 165 1/2; West Virginia 145 1/2; Corn dull and lower; white Southern 70 1/2; yellow Southern 70 1/2; mixed Western 75. Oats steady; cut ear and Western 55 1/2. Rye dull and lower at 55 1/2. Hay unchanged. Provisions quiet and generally heavy.

BLACK ALPACAS.

Another assortment of our regular brand received this morning. These goods have given great satisfaction, as to wear in several years' sales, and they speak for themselves as to appearance. The Baltimore Herald says: "A lot of Black Goods in Reys, Merinos, &c., which we will sell cheap."

D. F. WITMER CO., 107 King street.

KID GLOVES! KID GLOVES! GREEN'S NOTION HOUSE AND HAIR GOOD MANUFACTORY.

Two-button Kid Gloves; only one dollar. CHARLES W. GREEN.

NOTICE.—Having assumed the debts of Cook & Creighton, we earnestly request all persons indebted to the said firm to come forward and settle their accounts.

Feb 17-18 HENRY COOK & CO., 107 King street.

NAILS, HORSE SHOES, BAR IRON, and other goods in same line. A large stock always on hand and for sale at lowest cash prices. J. T. CROUGHTON & SON, Feb 13 88 King street.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The two horses attached to a wagon belonging to the Messrs. Linton, of Fairfax county, when standing at the corner of King and Pitt streets, early last night, were alarmed by a passing brass band and ran off up Pitt street, and did not stop until they had reached the corner of Queen street, where a tree, against which they ran, brought them to a halt by throwing one of them down and breaking a portion of their gear.

The Superintendent of Police says for the eleventh time, that if people don't stop depositing dirt in the streets, especially in the line of the proposed parade on the 23rd, he'll put the law in force against them—that's all. He is doing all he can to have the streets in good condition for the parade, and hopes to be aided in his efforts by the citizens' leading along the proposed route.

It is understood that Mr. Ad. Warfield has purchased the stock and fixtures and leased the store on the southeast corner of King and Washington streets, so long occupied by Mr. P. P. Smith as a drug store, and will, after making some repairs there, reopen it for the same business.

On Thursday J. Cook Nickens will institute at Hillsboro, Loudoun county, Va., a new division of the colored Sons of Temperance, with thirty-three charter members, to be called Morning Star Division, No. 31.

The last of the iron for the Parcellville extension of the W. & O. R. R. has been sent up that road, and trains will, it is expected, be running to Parcellville during the next two weeks.

Though the weather has been clear and bright to-day, it has been cool, the wind having come out stiff from the northwest after daylight this morning and produced the change in the temperature.

The noise on King street early last night was produced by the whoops and yells of a colored man who had been arrested for disorderly conduct and was on his way to the station house.

As will be seen by an advertisement elsewhere in to-day's Gazette, the city's property at Pishtown will be rented for the approaching fishing season on the 25th instant.

Catching pigeons for shooting matches has of late become quite a lucrative business, and is engaged in by many who have nothing else to do.

Mr. E. J. Simpson left here to-day for his new home in Baltimore, carrying with him the best wishes of a host of friends.

The appropriations for repairs to Forts Foote and Washington have been stricken out of the Annual Appropriation bill.

W. B. Lynch, ex-judge of the Leesburg Washingtonian, was in this city to-day.

Special Notice!

We have a fine stock of BOYS' YOUTHS' AND GENTS' BOOTS of superior quality, which will be sold at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES, in order to reduce stock. All in want will find it to their interest to examine our stock before purchasing.

dec 10 W. B. WADEY, 74 King street.

We have just received a very fine assortment of GENTLEMEN'S FINE TOILET SLIPPERS, suitable for holiday presents.

dec 10 WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

Goods Almost Given Away!!

Immense stock of

CLOTHING,

AND

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS AND HATS

AND TRUNKS,

composed of the very finest in the market, will be

CLOSED OUT WITHOUT RESERVE

during this season, in order to wind up business.

As our goods will be sacrificed, customers will do well to call early at SAREPTA CLOTHING

HALL, 89 King street.

nov 21 I. SCHWARTZ & CO.

Ladies' Misses' and Children's Boots, Shoes and Slippers.

We are this day receiving a full line of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Boots, Shoes and Slippers, suitable for Fall and Winter, embracing all of the latest styles, which we confidently believe to be the very best stock. We solicit purchasers to call and examine for themselves, as they will be sold at low prices.

oct 2 W. B. WADEY, 74 King st.

Special Notice.

GENTS' EXTRA FINE BOOTS & SHOES.

We have just received a fresh supply of Gents' extra fine, hand-sewed Boots and Shoes, and Slippers of every description, which we unhesitatingly recommend to be the very best on sale in the city.

oct 2 W. B. WADEY, 74 King street.

AMUSEMENTS.

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, Washington street, ON THE EVENINGS OF TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY, February 17th, 18th, and 20th, beginning at 8 o'clock. PROF. TRIPP'S GRAND DESCRIPTIVE SERIES—THREE LECTURES. Louis Napoleon; the Second Empire; and the Cause of the Franco Prussian War, or Lamar-tine.

Course ticket \$1; evening 50c; gentleman and lady 75c may be procured at the bookstore of George E. French, 95 King street, and at the door. Feb 16-17

FOR RENT OR RENT.

FOR RENT.—The BRICK DWELLING HOUSE No. 8 north Patrick st., between King and Cameron, recently occupied by Capt. M. Kelsey. Apply to

Feb 4-6-7 AND. JAMIESON.

FOR RENT.—A SUITE OF ROOMS with dining room and kitchen. Apply at this office. Jan 9-11

FOR RENT.—The comfortable DWELLING HOUSE No. 15 south Alfred st. Gas and Water. Possession given January 1, 1874. Apply to

dec 15-17 E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

FOR RENT.—A comfortable BRICK DWELLING, on Queen street, between Washington and Columbus. Apply to C. L. POWELL, N. E. corner Duke and Washington streets. dec 12-14

FOR RENT.—HOUSE No. 69 south St. Asaph street, containing 8 rooms will be rented to a good tenant on moderate terms. dec 9-11 E. FRANCIS.

FOR RENT.—The STORE and DWELLING HOUSE 125 King street, now occupied by Mrs. C. L. Simpson. Possession given on the 1st of January, 1874. For further information enquire of

dec 6-9 JNO. B. SMOOT.

FOR RENT.—The THREE-STORY DWELLING, No. 67 south Fairfax street, between Washington and Royal streets. Apply at once to

oct 10-11 A. C. HARMON, Corner Prince and Royal streets.

TO LET.—The TWO-STORY WAREHOUSE, foot of Queen street, on Union st. Apply at the office of the Hampshire and Baltimore Co. Jan 20

WANTED.

1000 EMPTY COAL OIL BARRELS wanted by

jan 19 C. S. TAYLOR, Jr., 6 Prince street.

WANTED.—GOOD BROOM CORN.

jan 19 C. S. TAYLOR, Jr., 6 Prince street.

WANTED.—A quantity of WHITE OAK and HICKORY POLES 14 feet long.

jan 15 F. A. REED, Agent.

5 PACKAGES ROLL BUTTER received this day by

Feb 17 J. C. MILBURN.

FERTILIZERS.

IMPORTANT TO FARMERS!
ONLY \$40 A TON.
GUANAHANI, AN IMPORTED NATURAL GUANO!
A GENUINE ANIMAL DEPOSIT.

Imported only by the

GUANAHANI GUANO COMPANY, PETERSBURG, VA.

(The Company guarantees that every cargo will be analyzed before it is offered for sale.)

[Letter of Professor P. B. Wilson, late Assistant of Baron J. Von Liebig.]
CHEMICAL LABORATORY OF PROF. P. B. WILSON, No. 30 Second street, Baltimore, December 1st, 1873.

Maj. N. M. TANNOR, President Guanahani Guano Co., Petersburg, Va.
Dear Sir: I have drawn samples of the Guano, as it has arrived in cargo lots, and find it exceedingly uniform in the amount of Phosphoric Acid it contains, namely, from 15 to 19 per cent. This is combined with Lime, and is of Animal Origin, and readily assimilable by plants. It contains potential Ammonia and Nitric Acid, having a combined Nitrogen value equal to from 2 to 3 per cent of Ammonia, with the alkalies Potash and Soda, and valuable proportions of Sulphate of Lime. The whole forming a very desirable combination for all crops, and when applied to land, the crop receiving proper tillage, must, in my opinion, give as good results as any Guano offered to the farmer.

Being of Animal Origin, the organic matter has undergone partial decomposition, and it necessarily contains a valuable amount of HUMUS, which makes its fertilizing power much greater than fertilizers which are compounded largely of Peruvian Guano, which, beyond its Ammonia and small phosphoric value, has little or no power in absorbing from the atmosphere and retaining in the soil the moveable elements absorbed by moisture and brought down by the rains, as the Guano you are now placing upon the market. All the components of this Guano are very soluble in the soil, and possess such physical properties as to render it at all times and under all circumstances as immediately available plant food.

The late samples you sent me for analysis, from the deposit which you inform me you intend to ship from, show a decrease in phosphoric value, but a large increase in its Nitrogen compounds. I think, however, from previous observations of cargo lots, that you may reasonably expect that the cargo taken from where these samples were drawn, will materially improve in the saline compounds, (Phosphates, Alkalies and Magnesia.)

Respectfully, &c., P. B. WILSON, Analytical and Consulting Chemist.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, West Philadelphia, Dec. 19, 1873.

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